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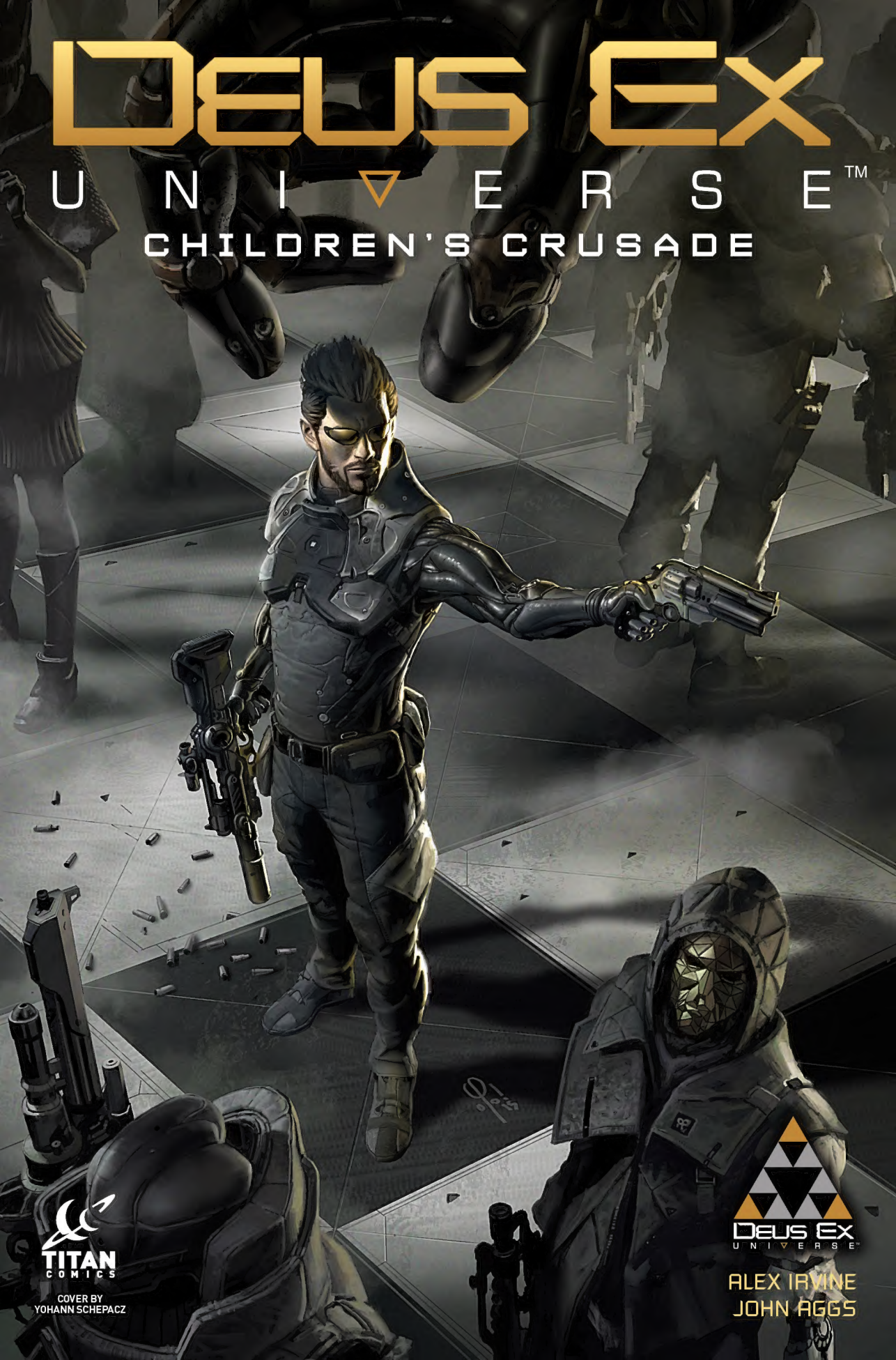

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THE STORY SO FAR:

The year is 2029.

In an attempt to strike a blow against the world's anti-Aug agenda, Titus King has been taken hostage by a group of pro-Aug radicals led by his augmented son Sebastian. Whether they like it or not, it's up to TF-29 to save the political agitator from a very a public execution. But can Adam Jensen diffuse the situation without the spilling of more innocent blood?

These events occur prior to the game *Deus Ex: Mankind Divided.*

ADAM JENSEN

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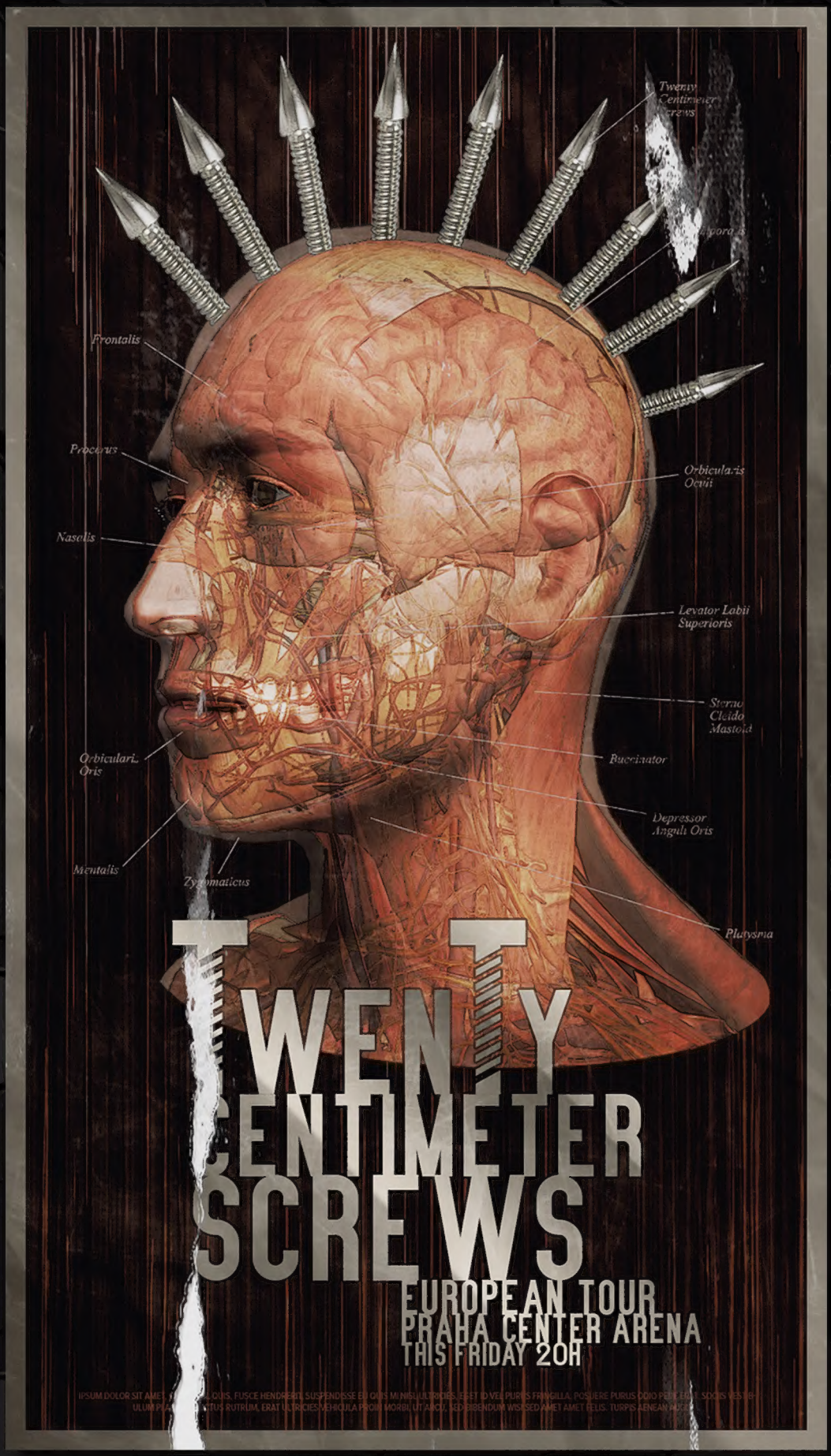
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Platysma
TWENTY CENTIMETER SCREWS
EUROPEAN TOUR
PRAHA CENTER ARENA
THIS FRIDAY 20H

"JENSEN."

JENSEN. WHERE THE HELL ARE YOU?
RIGHT HERE, CHIEF.

THE AUGS ARE SAYING THEY'RE GOING TO KILL KING UNLESS THEIR DEMANDS ARE MET.
WHAT DEMANDS?

OH, IT'S A GOOD LONG LIST. FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT, END TO GHETTOS, PULL ALL AUG-RELATED LEGISLATION FROM THE EURO PARLIAMENT, FREE GENERIC NEUROPOZYNE...WHAT DID I MISS?
I THINK THAT'S IT. SO FAR.
THEY CAN'T BE SERIOUS.
THEY'RE NOT. OUTRAGEOUS DEMANDS ARE A PRETEXT TO LOOK GOOD AFTER THE SHOOTING IS DONE.
WHEN DOES THE SHOOTING START?
SOON AS SURVEILLANCE PEGS KING'S LOCATION, WE'RE GOING AFTER THEM.
WHERE'S FALLADA?
HE'S HANDING IT OFF TO US.
SURPRISE, SURPRISE. THINGS GET DIRTY AND ALL OF A SUDDEN HE FORGETS TO WORRY ABOUT JURISDICTION.
SO. HOW WE GOING TO HANDLE THIS?
WE'RE GOING TO LOCATE KING AND EXTRACT HIM.
GONNA BE A SHITSHOW. OPS LIKE THIS ALWAYS HAVE A BODY COUNT.

LET'S NOT FORGET THESE ARE CHILDREN.
PMRP
LET'S ALSO NOT FORGET THEY'RE WALKING BOMBS. NIEMI WOULD REMIND YOU IF ONE OF THEM HADN'T BLOWN HER UP.
YOU THINK SHE WAS IN ON IT THE WHOLE TIME? THAT'S HOW IT LOOKS TO ME.
WHO, EMILIA?
YEAH.
PMR
NO, I THINK SHE'S A TWELVE-YEAR-OLD WHO'S DEALING WITH BEING KIDNAPPED TWICE AND HAVING HER MOM KILLED IN FRONT OF HER.
SIR. WE NEED TO GET THOSE KIDS OUT OF THERE.
TITUS KING IS OUR MISSION PRIORITY.
PMRP
INCOMING CALL FROM ALEX VEGA
JENSEN.

WE'VE GOT THE GANG'S PLAN FIGURED OUT, STRAIGHT FROM SEBASTIAN'S MOUTH.
"THEY'VE RIGGED UP A STAGE IN THE GLASSWORKS."
HI, DAD.
"SEBASTIAN IS GOING TO REVEAL HE'S TITUS KING'S SON ON A PIRATE FEED THROUGH EUROPANET."
I LEARNED A LESSON FROM YOU. TO REALLY GET YOUR MESSAGE OUT, YOU NEED SOME DRAMA.
"THEN HE'S GOING TO BLOW HIMSELF AND HIS FATHER UP."
MILLER.
WE'RE WORKING ON CODE TO DISABLE HIS BOMB.

HOLD ON. LOOKS LIKE THE AUGS HAVE TAKEN OVER THE EUROPANET FEED.
HELLO, EUROPE AND THE WORLD. CA VA. GUTEN TAG. BUENOS DIAS.
NOT NORMAL
IF YOU CAN INTERFACE WITH ANY OF HIS AUGMENTATIONS, THE CODE WILL SHUT DOWN THE DETONATOR.
I REPRESENT THE AUGMENTED HUMANS OF THE GLASSHÜTTE AND THE WORLD. LOOK AT ME!
I AM WHAT TITUS KING HATES, BECAUSE HE MADE ME.
THAT'S RIGHT, WORLD. MY NAME IS SEBASTIAN KING, AND TITUS KING IS MY HYPOCRITE OF A FATHER.
HE WANTS AUGS DEAD BECAUSE HE WANTS ME DEAD. AND YOU KNOW WHY HE WANTS ME DEAD? BECAUSE I WAS SICK WHEN I WAS LITTLE. BECAUSE I WOULD HAVE DIED WITHOUT AUGMENTATIONS.
BECAUSE I WAS NEVER PERFECT.
NO!
IT'S BECAUSE YOU KILLED YOUR MOTHER.

LIVE PSYCHODRAMA.
EMPHASIS ON THE PSYCHO.
LOOK. I CAN GET KING OUT OF THERE AND KEEP THE BODY COUNT DOWN.
IS THAT RIGHT?
AND WHO MADE ME DO THAT? NOT ANOTHER AUG, DAD.
"I'VE BEEN IN THE GLASSWORKS BEFORE. LET ME TAKE A CRACK AT AN EXTRACTION BEFORE WE ALL GO IN."
WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE NEGOTIATING HERE. THAT'S STRAIGHT FROM LYON.
UNDERSTOOD. BUT IF YOU'RE RIGHT THAT SEBASTIAN WANTS A WAR, REGULAR HOSTAGE TACTICS WON'T WORK.
HE'S GOING TO TALK UNTIL HE'S DONE TALKING, THEN BOOM.
WHICH IS WHY WE GO IN HARD AND GET KING OUT OF THERE.
COME ON, MAC. THE MINUTE HE SEES WE MEAN BUSINESS, EVERYTHING GOES UP IN SMOKE.
OKAY. YOU'VE ALL HAD YOUR SAY. HERE'S WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO.

VASQUEZ, YOU HEAD TO THE VTOL. CHIKANE WILL HOLD IN THE AIR IN CASE WE NEED A ROOF PENETRATION OR AERIAL SUPPORT.
ROGER THAT.
THE REST OF US WILL BE IN THIS APC. EXCEPT YOU, JENSEN.
YOU WANT TO GO IN AND TRY A SOLO EXTRACTION, WE'LL GIVE YOU THREE MINUTES. THEN WE KICK THE DOORS IN.
THAT'LL BE ENOUGH.
REMEMBER YOU'LL BE ON CAMERA. LYON IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE OPTICS HERE.
IF YOU HAVE A SHOT AT SEBASTIAN, YOU TAKE IT. DO NOT BECOME PART OF HIS SHOW.
UNDERSTOOD.
YOU SURE YOU'RE READY TO TAKE OUT A BUNCH OF ADVOCATES FOR AUG RIGHTS?
I'LL DO MY JOB, MAC. YOU DO YOURS, WE'LL SAVE SOME LIVES.
LOAD UP.
JENSEN, YOU GET INSIDE, GIVE US THE CUE FOR WHEN TO COME IN.

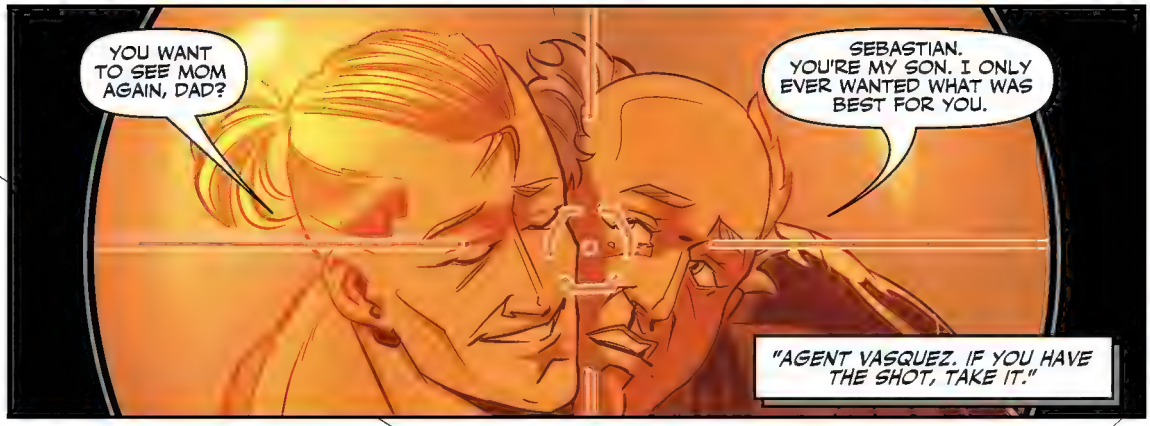
"WE'LL MAKE SOME NOISE TO COVER YOU."
PMRP
VEGA. HOW'S THAT CODE COMING?

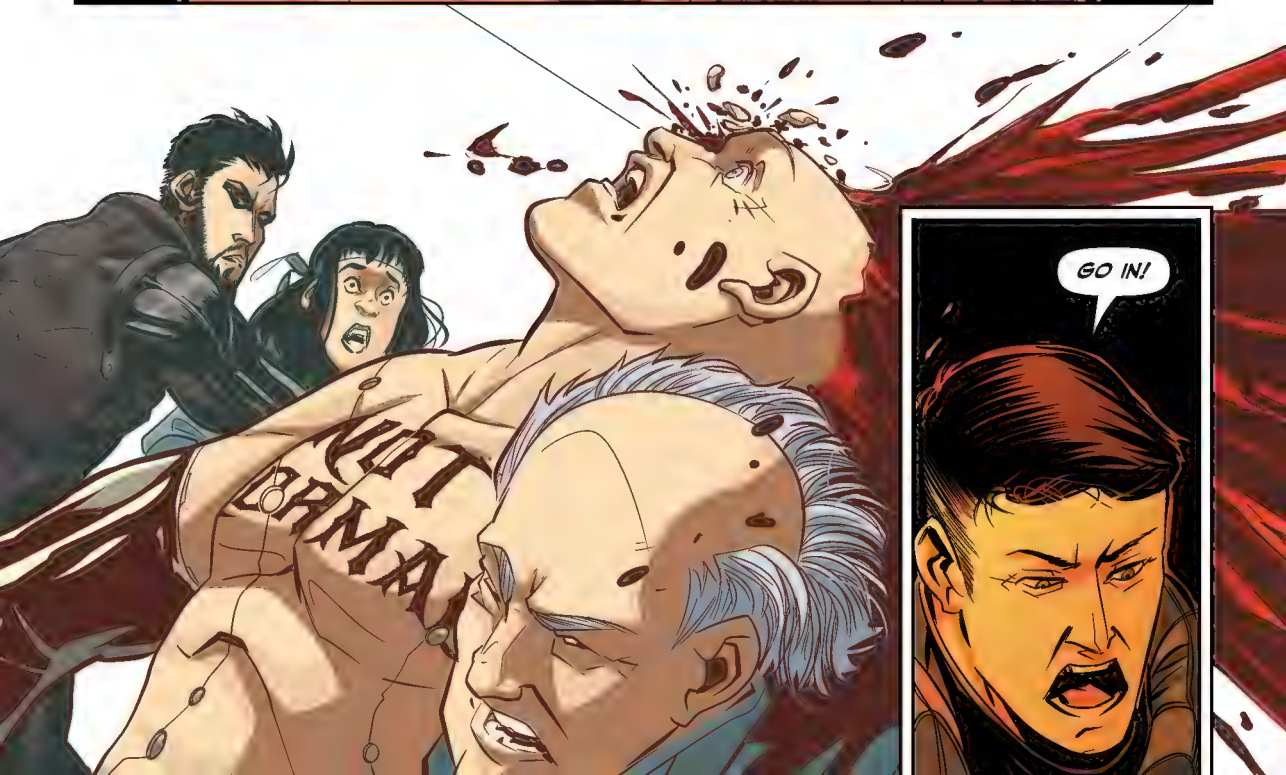
IT'S ALMOST READY.
ALMOST MEANS IN THE NEXT TWO MINUTES, RIGHT?
SURE.
THIS A GOOD SPOT?
THIS IS PERFECT.
"VEGA, I NEED SOME GOOD NEWS ABOUT THE FEED."

SEBASTIAN.
THE FEED IS DOWN. ENJOY YOUR PRIVACY.
AH. TASK FORCE 29's PET AUG.
ARE YOU ENJOYING THE SHOW? I DON'T THINK MY FATHER IS.
HE DOESN'T LIKE HAVING HIS DIRTY LAUNDRY AIRED IN PUBLIC.
YOU'RE JUST DOING MY JOB FOR ME. MY SEBASTIAN NEVER WOULD HAVE DONE THIS. BUT YOU'RE NOT HIM ANYMORE.
I SURE AM, DAD. THIS IS ME. YOUR LITTLE BOY.
THERE IS NO SHOW, SEBASTIAN. YOU'RE SHUT DOWN. THERE'S NO AUDIENCE TO PLAY TO. JUST YOU AND ME.
YOU THINK I DIDN'T PLAN FOR YOU TO HACK THE FEED? YOU'RE STILL LOUD AND CLEAR ALL OVER THE WORLD, TRAITOR.
POOR SEBASTIAN. DID HE REALLY THINK WE WOULDN'T FIND HIS BACKUP? IT'S GONE TOO.
NOT

DAMMIT. WHAT HAPPENED TO THE COMM? HE'S NOT SUPPOSED TO BE NEGOTIATING.
MAYBE IT'S WORKING.
OR MAYBE SEBASTIAN'S PLAYING HIM. WE CAN'T TAKE THE CHANCE. KEEP THE ENGINE RUNNING.
"JENSEN. THE CODE IS READY. YOU SHOULD HAVE IT."
SEBASTIAN. THE BACKUP FEED IS JAMMED TOO.
THAT'S ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE EACH OTHER. DON'T WE, DAD?
WITHOUT THE CAMERAS...MAYBE IT'S BETTER. I ALREADY MADE A STATEMENT.
NOW WE CAN HAVE SOME PERSONAL TIME.
EMILIA. IF YOUR INTERPOL FRIEND MAKES A SUDDEN MOVE, SHOOT HIM.
CHANG. WHO'S HACKING THE FEED?
WE DON'T KNOW. BUT WHOEVER IT IS, THEY'RE GOOD. THEY KILLED EVERY SIGNAL COMING OUT OF THE BUILDING.

"SHIT. WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON IN THERE."
DAD. I'M SORRY ABOUT MOM, BUT YOU KNOW THAT WASN'T MY FAULT.
NOW WE CAN BE TOGETHER AGAIN. FOREVER.


YOU WANT TO SEE MOM AGAIN, DAD?
SEBASTIAN. YOU'RE MY SON. I ONLY EVER WANTED WHAT WAS BEST FOR YOU.
"AGENT VASQUEZ. IF YOU HAVE THE SHOT, TAKE IT."


GO IN!

"AND REMEMBER: DON'T GIVE THEM A CHANCE TO SAY THE TRIGGER PHRASE!"
GET ME THE HELL OUT OF HERE!

WHAT ARE YOU--!? HELP!
SHUT UP AND GET READY TO RUN.
MAC! NO!

ALL HOSTILES ARE DOWN, MAC. IT'S OVER.
MAC. HELP ME GET THIS ASSHOLE TO THE APC.
THIS WAS NOT THE PLAN.
THE PLAN WAS TO EXTRACT KING.
WHAT DID YOU CALL ME? WHAT'S YOUR NAME? YOUR SUPERIORS ARE GOING TO HEAR ABOUT THIS!
THE PLAN WAS TO DISABLE THE BOMB AND SAVE THE KID!
THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN NICE. OPERATIONALLY IT DIDN'T WORK OUT.
WE FIGURED SEBASTIAN WOULD HAVE A COMMAND PHRASE TO SET OFF THE OTHER KIDS. JUST LIKE BRUNO DID. HE HAD TO BE NEUTRALIZED.
YOU KEPT ME IN THE DARK ABOUT THAT PART OF THE PLAN.
ANOTHER OPERATIONAL NECESSITY.
THE MISSION IS A SUCCESS, JENSEN. CONGRATULATIONS.
SUCCESS? WE STILL DON'T KNOW WHERE THE WEAPONS OR BOMB COMPONENTS CAME FROM...

WHO'S REALLY CALLING THE SHOTS HERE?
WHO GAVE THE ORDER?
IT WASN'T YOU?
...
FORGET I SAID ANYTHING.
GLAD YOU'RE ALL RIGHT, JENSEN. WE'LL BE IN TOUCH.
I'M SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS, MR. KING.
GET ME TO THE STUDIO.

YOU SAVED THE MAN WHO WANTS TO KILL US. KILL ME.
IF YOU WERE GOING TO DO THAT, WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST KILL ME YOURSELF?
PMRP
TITUS HATES YOU. SEBASTIAN WANTED YOU DEAD TO MAKE A POINT.
THAT'S THE DIFFERENCE.
YOU PUT YOURSELF ON THEIR SIDE. WHO'S GOING TO SAY NO TO THEM NOW?
THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION.
SB-71
I DON'T HAVE AN ANSWER.
EXCEPT TO SAY IT'S GOOD SHE'S STILL ALIVE TO ASK IT.
"I HAVE A CONFESSION TO MAKE."

I HAVE TRIED TO KEEP MY PERSONAL FEELINGS OUT OF THE DISCUSSIONS ON THIS SHOW.
MY FAMILY, MY LOVED ONES...THEY'RE NOT THE STORY HERE.
THE STRUGGLE FOR HUMAN CIVILIZATION IS THE STORY.
YOU SAW TODAY... EXCUSE ME.
YOU SAW THE HATE THE AUGMENTED BEAR FOR US. EVEN A SON FOR HIS FATHER. I MADE A TERRIBLE MISTAKE WHEN SEBASTIAN WAS YOUNG. HE WAS VERY ILL AND THE DOCTORS SAID AUGMENTING HIM WAS THE ONLY WAY TO SAVE HIS LIFE.
IF I HAD IT TO DO OVER AGAIN...
BUT I DON'T. I MADE THAT MISTAKE AND I WILL LIVE WITH IT.
MY ONLY HOPE IS THAT YOU, PARENTS LISTENING, WILL NOT MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE. BECAUSE YOU'VE SEEN THE BLOODY, TERRIBLE CONSEQUENCES.
TALKING TO YOU LIKE A REAL MAN
I LOVED MY SON. I WILL NEVER STOP MOURNING HIM.
THIS IS A WAR, MY FRIENDS. AND IN A WAR...SONS DIE.
NEVER WOULD HAVE THOUGHT EVEN TITUS KING COULD STOOP THIS LOW.
HE'S GRANDSTANDING ON HIS DEAD SON.
"ARE WE ALL PRESENT?"

"BUT WE MUST STAY THE COURSE, NO MATTER THE COST. BECAUSE THE CAUSE IS GREATER THAN ANY OF US."
AS YOU CAN SEE, THINGS ARE WORKING OUT PERFECTLY.
YOU WERE RIGHT ABOUT KING. HE IS A SUPERBLY USEFUL IDIOT.
WE FED HIS SON JUST ENOUGH WEAPONS TO LIGHT THE FUSE. NOW WE HAVE TO CONTROL THE WAY THE BOMB GOES OFF.
GETTING THE RIGHT AMOUNT OF FIREPOWER IN THE RIGHT HANDS TO CAUSE THE RIGHT KIND OF HEADLINES... THAT WAS THE FIRST PART.
MISSION ACCOMPLISHED, I WOULD SAY.
YES. BUT WE ARE NOT DONE YET. NOW WE TAKE THIS EVENT AND WE SPEND THE POLITICAL CAPITAL IT HAS EARNED US.
YES. YOU WILL FIND ALLIES IN THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT. I HAVE ALREADY MADE SURE OF THAT.
SHALL I ANNOUNCE THE INITIATIVE SOON? TOMORROW, PERHAPS?
LET US CONFER FIRST. WE'LL GET BACK TO YOU ON TIMING.
WHAT SHALL WE CALL IT? SOMETHING GRAND. INSPIRATIONAL. I'VE BEEN THINKING OF A FEW POSSIBLE IDEAS.
WE HAVE ALREADY DECIDED. THE INITIATIVE WILL BE KNOWN AS...

"THE HUMAN RESTORATION ACT."
END

POLICE EXO-SUIT (AKA OGRE)

While calling attention to the many dangers of human augmentation, The Aug Incident has also highlighted the need for advanced law-enforcement technologies to allow police to effectively combat the rise in crime and terrorist activity. The police Exo-Suit - aka The Ogre - combines high-ballistic damage protection with advanced firepower, making it the ideal choice for high-threat situations and riot suppression.

DUNCAN MACREADY

AGE: 43

WEIGHT: 190lbs

HEIGHT: 6'0"

EYE COLOR: Brown

HAIR COLOR: Brown

BLOOD TYPE: O+

Duncan MacReady - or Mac as he's sometime called - is a tough-as-nails former special forces operative now working in Interpol's Tactical Anti-Terrorism Unit, Task Force 29. While outstanding at his job, Mac has no patience for the incompetent, which to him is nearly everyone, and isn't one to mince his words.

While at times his brutally honest nature can seem harsh - even discriminatory - against the Augmented, he is far from a racist and for those lucky enough to have earned his respect, he is an extremely loyal ally.

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KILL THEM ALL
A MESSAGE FROM THE AUGMENTED RIGHTS COALITION
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